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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In advance of the first examination in this case, Applicants request amendment of the subject application, as follows:

IN THE TITLE

Please change the title at page 1, lines 1-3 and at page 44, lines 1-3 to:

CONTROL OF AIRFLOW TO AN INFLATABLE THERMAL DEVICE

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please delete lines 6-13 of the Abstract on page 44 and substitute the following:

Airflow provided through an air hose to the inlet port of an inflatable thermal device is controlled by a mechanical device disposed at an end of the air hose that is coupled to the inlet port. In response to coupling the end of the air hose to the inlet port, the mechanical device operates to open the end and permit air to flow through the air hose and the inlet port. In response to decoupling the end of the air hose from the inlet port, the mechanical device operates to block air from flowing through the end of the air hose.

IN THE DRAWINGS

In an accompanying drawing amendment, originally filed Figs. 17 and 18 are being deleted and originally-filed Fig. 19 is being renumbered to Fig. 17.

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